

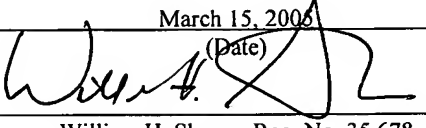


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Examiner : Jesus D. Sotelo

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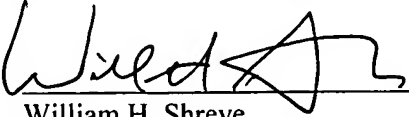
REMARKS

In the Reasons for Allowance, the Examiner refers to certain features of independent Claims 1, 14, and 15 and various dependent claims. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that not all the claims include the limitations identified by the Examiner. Each claim in the application recites different combinations of features and elements than those referenced by the Examiner, and each claim is patentable. To the extent that the Examiner's recitation of the allowable subject matter deviates from the language of the allowed claims, Applicants respectfully disagree with the reasons for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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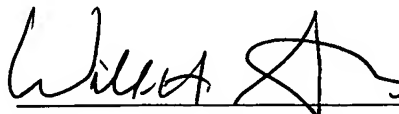
- (X) Form PTOL-85.
- (X) Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons For Allowance.
- (X) A check in the amount of \$1,700 to cover the issue fee and publication fee is enclosed.
- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

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